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## Excessive faculty load affects learning environment

by Deonne Beron  
editor

It's not just about waiting two weeks to get a grade on a research paper. It's not about short advising sessions. It's not about time for lunch with your favorite professor. The way Steve Hoffmann sees the situation, the results of a faculty workload survey presented in yesterday's faculty meeting have everything to do with the academic future of Taylor.

"I don't know how many students appreciate how important this kind of thing is to their own education," Hoffmann professor of political science and author of the survey, said. Because he sees so much emphasis put on student life, Hoffmann said he isn't sure students actually realize that

the academic quality of the school has direct implications for their future and the worth of their degrees.

The survey, sent to full-time faculty on both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses, asked professors to evaluate their workload in terms of three key areas: (1) which element of their load is most excessive, (2) what activities their workload keeps them away from most and (3) what changes would be most favored to reduce the load. The survey also included a question on what areas are most crucial for ongoing university development.

Faculty are expected to carry 28 hours of courses each year, which are generally broken down into 12 hours each for the fall and spring semesters and four hours during Interterm. According to Hoffmann, this total

is more than almost every other college.

He cites as proof a 1991 survey sent to members of the Council of Independent Colleges. The survey asked 300 institutions how many hours faculty teach per year. Seven percent taught more than 24 hours a year, seven percent taught fewer hours, and 86 percent taught between 24 and 25 hours per year.

Increased workloads for faculty have wider applications for the student body as well. At schools where a four credit hour class meets for three hours a week, students are expected to make up the time difference in their own studies.

Reductions in the number of credits professors teach per year would also make it more difficult for students to get multiple majors or complete graduation requirements

in three years.

One of the main challenges presented by the survey is that respondents expressed a desire for more time to keep current in their professions.

According to Hoffmann, this kind of professional development time is currently being traded off with teaching summer courses and simply keeping up with current course preparations. He says that he rarely has time to read professional journals because there is always another class for which to prepare.

That can't happen without proposals from administrative officials, he said during the faculty meeting. Such proposals will be the first step in cutting the topic down into manageable portions from which faculty can choose the most acceptable solutions.

## Taylor to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream

by Amy Meyering  
campus editor

The convictions for which Martin Luther King, Jr. lived and died will be celebrated at Taylor Jan. 20. The theme for this year's commemoration of King's birth is "Recon-

ciliation: What's Love Got to Do With It," according to Laurie Wolcott, head of the Martin Luther King Day planning committee.

"We want to focus on the principles [Martin Luther King, Jr.] stood for. Racial reconciliation was King's goal," Wolcott

said.

"It's important for us not to remain ignorant, but to take intentional steps to understand those from different races, cultures, life experiences," Jody Wiley, a junior serving on the planning committee, said.

Barbara Skinner, president of the Skinner Farm Leadership Institute, will be the featured speaker for the day.

The Institute is involved in the moral and spiritual development of leaders in the area of reconciliation.

The organization also works in the inner city of Washington, D.C., focusing on academics, cultural enrichment and spiritual growth.

Skinner is the former Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus. During her tenure with the caucus, she worked on legislation to commemorate King's birthday a national holiday. Skinner will speak in chapel and also host a question and answer session later in the day.

The day will begin with a prayer breakfast in the dining commons from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Chapel then begins at 10 and will last until 11:30 a.m.

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### CAROLING CARILLON CHORUS

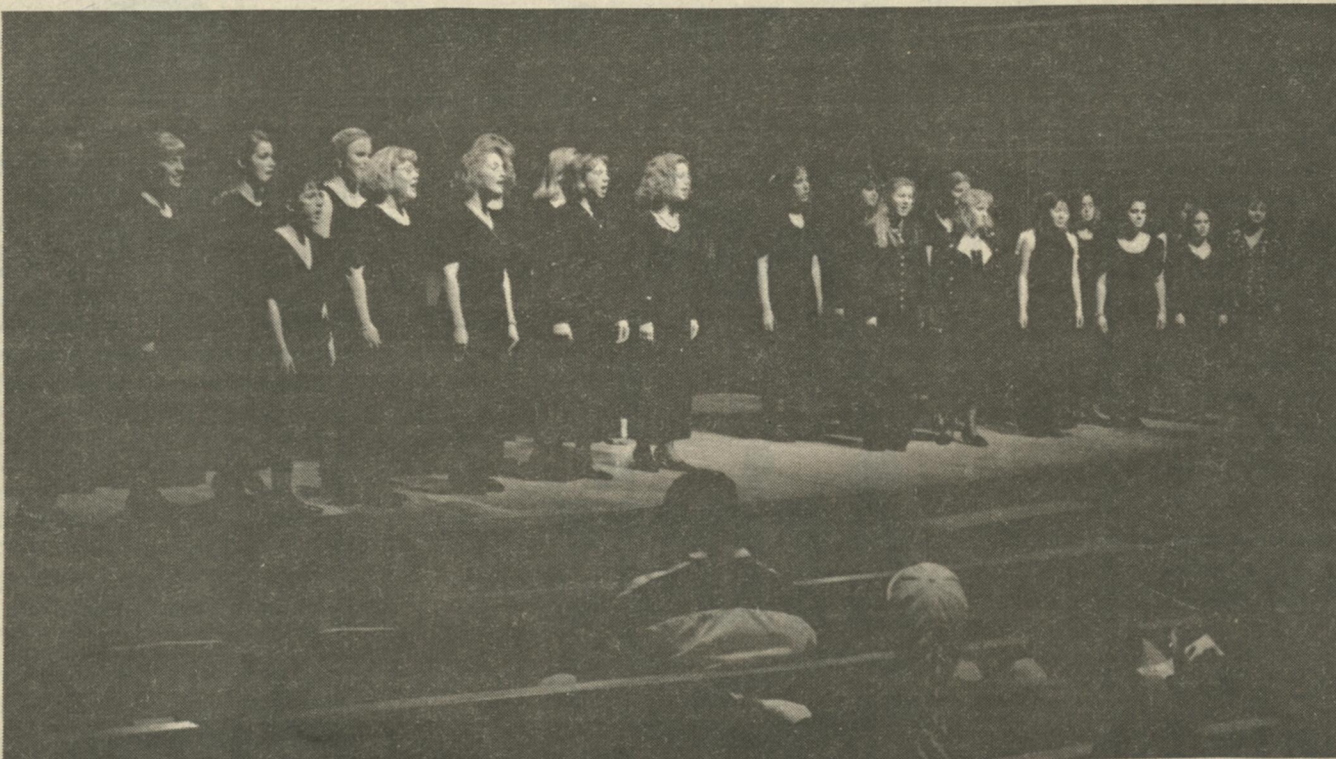


Photo by Andy Roan

The women of Taylor's Carillon Chorus gave their final full concert of the semester Sunday evening with the Taylor Ringers and Bell Choir. Songs of the season were featured throughout the concert.



Barbara Skinner



## National and International News

♦ The White House said Thursday that any retaliation against Iran for a barracks bombing in Saudi Arabia will have to await the outcome of an ongoing investigation. The bombing, which took place in June, killed 19 American soldiers. Administration officials said they are not yet convinced by Saudi claims that Iran was behind the bombing.

♦ An Indianapolis woman was arrested Wednesday in connection with the beating death of her apartment granddaughter. Shirley Mitchell is accused of killing six-year-old Emporia Pirtle and placing her body in an storage shed sometime before Thanksgiving. Mitchell was the legal guardian of Pirtle and her sisters. The girls have been placed in the custody of the Marion County Guardian's Home.

♦ Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu pledged to strengthen Jewish settlements in response to Wednesday's fatal shooting of a mother and her 12-year-old son in the West Bank. U.S. officials predict the shooting will "serve as a catalyst" for action by the Clinton administration in the Middle East peace process. Israeli authorities have blamed the shooting on Palestinian militants.

## Campus Calendar

## Friday, December 13

- ♦ Indiana Multicultural Job Fair Indiana Convention Center & RCA Dome
- ♦ I.C.C. Christmas with Jay after basketball game D.C.

## Saturday, December 14

- ♦ Gospel Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall
- ♦ SAC Movie: "Scrooged" 8:15 p.m. R/A

## Sunday, December 15

- ♦ Carols and Candle-lighting Music Department Ensembles 7:30 p.m. R/A

compiled by Amy Meyering

## Pitts closes out 23 years of service at Taylor

by Rebekah Reese  
associate editor

Dr. Robert Pitts, professor of biblical studies, is retiring following interterm after almost 23 years of service.

Pitts' last class will be the Israel and Greece overseas trip over January interterm.

Pitts held the position of academic dean from 1973 until 1982, when he took over a professorial position teaching Christian education and Bible. When Faye Chechowich, assistant professor of Christian education, was hired in 1989, Pitts began solely teaching Bible and theology.

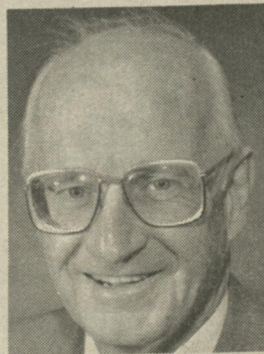
Pitts came to Taylor from Geneva College, where he served as assistant academic dean. He said his experiences there led to his conviction that Taylor must maintain a Christian faculty. As academic dean, he tried to hire

professors who were dedicated first to Christ and then to Christian higher education.

"I felt then and feel now that the future of Taylor lies in its faculty... and the decisions that we make relative to Christian commitment," Pitts said.

Pitts went on to say that he felt that he had always been a better administrator than a teacher, and he thinks he contributed more to the administration of Taylor than to the academic realm. During his time as academic dean, many of the present-day personnel policies, such as tenure and promotion, were put in place. Taylor's curriculum was also expanded at the time, and the foundation was laid for

further curriculum development in the 1980's.



Dr. Alan Winquist, professor of history, said that Pitts is organized and efficient. He also said that Pitts was sensitive and a committed Christian man with high Christian principles. He said that Pitts has a great deal of depth in spirituality.

Philip Loy, professor of political science, worked on the faculty personnel committee while Pitts was academic dean. Loy said that Pitts "played a major role" and that during his tenure as dean, Taylor's faculty improved in quality.

A close friend of Pitts', Dr. William Fry, professor of English, said that Pitts was "impeccably

honest" and "very direct even when it's something you don't want to hear."

During his retirement, Pitts is looking forward to spending more time with his family, working on his house, traveling and getting back into his stained glass hobby. He said that his four-year-old grandson has been asking to go hiking, so Pitts is looking forward to that as well. Some of the places Pitts hopes to visit are Scandinavia, Alaska and the former Czechoslovakia which he visited on a school trip several years ago. Pitts is also an avid skier and motorcyclist.

Pitts said that occasionally colleagues from other institutions had encouraged him to seek positions elsewhere. However, he said that he had never had any interviews or looked into jobs beyond Taylor. "After you've been at Taylor there's not much else of anywhere to go," he said.

## Letters to the Editor

I strongly agree with your decision to put the article on the front page of the paper for two reasons—it addresses the issue head on so that the rumor mill doesn't get a hold of it, and it puts out a message to the rest of the student body that this kind of action will not be tolerated.

First, I believe that it is wise to address this issue simply because it eliminates most gossip right away, and does not allow stories to become twisted. On a campus where gossip is a problem anyway, I think this is the best thing that you could have done. I think that you reported on this sensitive subject well in the fact that you did not use any names, and you showed the administration's general concern for the students by showing that they were willing to work with them. I think that it is obvious, especially from Walt's address in chapel on Friday that student development loves these students and wants God's very best for their lives.

Second, I think that this was a good way to send a firm message to the campus. This kind of activity probably goes on more

than I know about (and would care to know about), and I do not think that this kind of activity should go on here at Taylor. I think that this situation was handled very well by the administration, because it sends a message to others here at Taylor that might be involved with drugs and alcohol that their actions are unacceptable, and Taylor will be willing to help any of them work through these problems.

This article displayed the honesty of the administration on a

topic that could be covered up, or swept under the carpet. I appreciate the integrity of the administration, and the willingness that they have to admit that this kind of stuff happens, and is being dealt with. Again, I do not wish to resurrect this issue, but I felt that I needed to respond to this editorial. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so.

Scott Shortenhaus

I am writing in response to Janyre Stockinger's article in the [Dec. 6] issue of *The Echo* (and yes, Janyre, I do remember your name!) As a faculty member myself, I just wanted to thank Janyre for her boldness and honesty. You are right—faculty [are] subject to the same commitments that students are. My own attendance at chapel has lately been very lax, and your article convicted me of my own failings in the promise I made to Taylor. Thank you for the "wake up" call.

Dr. Colleen Warren

❖ Happy Holidays

from THE ECHO

(See you in February!)



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# Making a dorm home for the holidays

by Janyre Stockinger  
features editor

Lights and Christmas decorations are evidence that the countdown to Christmas break is entering its final days.

The celebration can be seen all over campus in the open houses, concerts, lights, and special banquets.

Many students love Christmas for more than the presents. "I love the ambiance, the music, the lights, family, the cold, a warm home. I love everything...it's so romantic," senior Elizabeth Sparrow said.

Her wing, second north English, is celebrating Christmas with a tradition called secret Santas. Along with all the other Christmas decorations on the wing, there is a stocking for every girl on the wing. Every girl had a secret Santa that put a small present in her stocking every day of this past week. Today, the wing has a special dinner planned where the secret Santas are revealed.

Last weekend, sophomore Lynnette Miller and her floor picked a date, brought out their formal attire and went to Butler University to watch the traditional Nutcracker ballet.

But, Miller's favorite part about Christmas is the lights. When she is at home, her and her family drive around her neighborhood just to look at the houses in their Christmas finery.

Sophomore James Currie is celebrating Christmas at Taylor by decorating his wing and donning

celebration back onto the first Christmas.

Even though Gerig Hall's open house was part of Senior David Smith's celebration at Taylor, his favorite part about Christmas is the chance to reflect on the baby Jesus. When he was a child, Smith's father started reading the Christmas story. He used to be bored with it, but looking back Smith is glad his father read him the story. "Even if it's a feeble attempt to talk about Christ do it anyway," Smith said, "You never know what kind of impact it will have."

However, his favorite Christmas event is the Christmas Eve service "because it is the most peaceful time, the most focused on what Christmas is. It gives a taste of the peace and grandeur of that night," Smith said.

Focus on the event that the angels proclaimed, Smith said. "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10b-11).

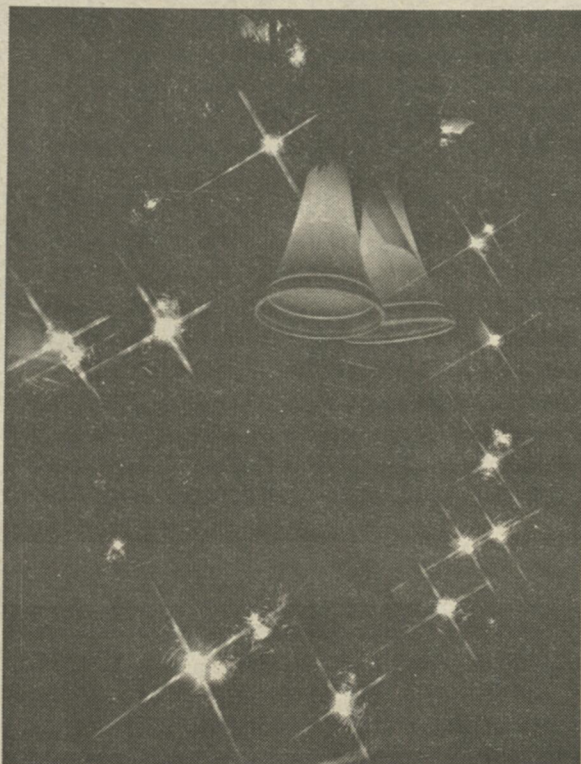


photo by Andy Roon

**CHRISTMAS BELLS** - Area decorations light up Taylor students pre-holiday celebrations.

his pajamas for Christmas with Jay, where President Jay Kesler refocuses Taylor's Christmas cel-

town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10b-11).

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Four afternoon workshops will also be offered. Toni Barnes, director of enrichment services, will conduct "Exploring Our Cultural Assumptions" and Felicia Case, coordinator of ethnic student recruitment, will host a discussion of intercultural marriage, both at 2 p.m.

Geoffrey Kelsaw, director of the gospel choir, and Dr. Richard Parker, professor of music, will join forces to discuss cultural differences in worship styles. President Jay Kesler will speak on a biblical perspective to race. Both of these workshops take place at 3 p.m.

The day will end with an evening concert given by the American Spiritual Ensemble, directed by Everett McCorvey.

"This problem [of racism] can't

be solved in one day. We just need to keep taking small little steps toward understanding, and this day is a way to do that," Wiley said.

Taylor has celebrated Martin Luther King Day for several years. "The idea for the program

and the day was from students who lobbied the university to get it in place as a time of emphasis on reconciliation," Wolcott said.

Further information will be available as the day draws closer.

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## Correction

We incorrectly identified the people in last week's Winter Wonderland photo. Randy Becker and Nick Holman were the people pictured.

Attention all you sports fans out there. This next web site, *Christian Sports Flash*, is definitely the web site for you. An interview with Bob Ctvrtlik (U.S. Volleyball team member), a word from Brent Jones (the San Francisco 49ers tight end) and so much more, the most recent issue of *Christian Sports Flash* is loaded with action. Believe it or not, one of the most popular topics on the World Wide Web really

is sports and athletics. So enter <http://www.gospel.com.net/gf/sf/> into the location line of Netscape

However, *Christian Sports Flash* isn't just another World Wide web sports site. It is dedicated to relaying the message of truth in sports through physical fitness and also spiritual and mental fitness. Scroll down the page to this issue's top story. His third time to the Olympics, Bob Ctvrtlik discusses his disappointments at the past summer's Olympics. Click on the link "Spiked" to read the entire story. Notice the many other stories and interviews as you scroll further down the *Christian Sports Flash* home page.

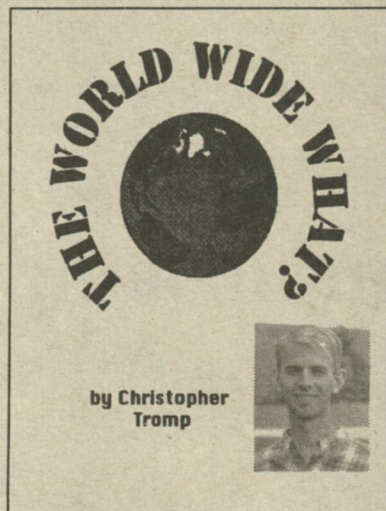
One major concept separating *Christian Sports Flash* from other on-line magazines is the idea of allowing the reader to take control. What do I mean? Wherever you are right now, press the back button on Netscape until you return to the *Christian Sports Flash* home page. Click on "In The Hot Seat" in the far left column. Here's your opportunity to actually interview some Christian athletes in the professional arena.

Ask Claude Terry (pro basketball), Greg Martin (pro golf) and Linda Wild (pro tennis) your sports related questions by clicking the blue links under their names. Then scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your name and e-mail address in the appropriate fields. Type your question and press the submit button.

Check back for the next issue of *Christian Sports Flash* with answers to your questions.

Plus, do you ever wish you could have your face on the cover of a magazine? Well, here's your chance to be famous. Head back to the *Christian Sports Flash* home page ( use the back arrow button of Netscape) and scroll to the top of the page. This issue features Arie Wilgenburg, a senior on the soccer team at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Click on the picture to read more about Arie and find out how you can be on the cover.

Take the time to browse *Christian Sports Flash*



some more. There's so much you won't want to miss. Click on "Fitness & Nutrition" for your opportunity to ask University of Northwestern strength coach Larry Liljayour fitness and strength training questions. Check up on "Sports Ministry Reports" and loosen up with John McPherson's sports comics on the "Time Out!" page. You can also receive highlights of *The Christian Sports Flash* via electronic mail. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the blue link to subscribe to the highlights.

Proverbs 12:17 reminds us that "a truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies." It is good to know that many Christian athletes aren't afraid to just play the game of physical fitness, but also that of mental and spiritual fitness as well. Whether it's athletics or academics, let's be a witness and a testimony to those around us.

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# Bench provides lift in Lady Trojans' win

by Kevin Anselmo  
sports editor

The Lady Trojans' overall record of 8-4 moved them up to 13th in the NAIA national polls. They were previously ranked 19th in the nation.

Indiana Tech went into Saturday's game with a 15-2 lifetime record against Taylor. The Lady Trojans played an impressive all-around game and soundly defeated the Warriors, 74-50.

The Lady Trojans went on a 18-0 first-half run and closed the half with a 36-22 lead. Head coach

Tena Krause implemented full court pressure which forced 16 first-half turnovers. The Lady Trojans forced 27 turnovers in the game.

Junior Yen Tran led the pressure defense with five steals. Tran finished the game with 15 points, five assists, and only one turnover. Junior Natalie Steele led all scorers with 21 points, while junior Sarah Krause added 10.

The Lady Trojans got strong play from the bench. Sophomore Laurie Dunkerton scored seven of the 22 bench points. There were 11 different scorers for the game

and every member of the team was able to get significant playing time.

On Tuesday, the Lady Trojans shot only 35% from the field and lost to DePauw in a close game, 78-75.

Steele had another solid game, recording 26 points and 22 rebounds. She was 14 of 18 from the foul line. Tran had 19 points, but she also had seven turnovers.

Tran and senior Grace Morrison each had four steals. Senior Lisa Maass led the team with five assists.

The Lady Trojans visit Franklin on Saturday.



photo by Andy Roon

**IT'S UP-** Junior Yen Tran pulls up for a jump shot in the midst of the Lady Trojans' dominant first half over Indiana Tech on Saturday. Tran finished with 15 points in the team's 74-50 win.

## Trojans looking for strong play in Ivanhoe Classic this weekend

by Kevin Anselmo  
sports editor

The men's basketball team hosts the 13th annual Ivanhoe Classic, beginning at 6 p.m. tonight. They are coming off a second-place finish at the Cumberland Tournament in Kentucky last weekend.

The Trojans, now 7-4 overall, won the opening round of the tournament by defeating Rio Grande, 65-63.

Senior Steve Wit led the team with 25 points and nine rebounds. Wit was 9 of 13 from the field and a perfect 7 for 7 from the foul line.

Junior guard Michael Delp scored 14 points off the bench.

He connected on 4 of 8 three point field goals. Freshman Brian Ross and sophomore Derek Taatjes each added seven points. Sophomore Kerrod Dunn led the team with four assists.

Rio Grande was led by Sherron Wilkerson. Wilkerson was a starter for Indiana University last year before head coach Bob Knight kicked him off the team for assaulting a woman.

Wilkerson had 23 points.

The Trojans lost the championship game 62-54, to the host school, Cumberland.

Taatjes connected on 7 of 12 field goal attempts and led the team with 17 points in the final game. He also led the team in rebounding with nine.

Wit fouled out and played only 20 minutes. He scored seven points while Delp added eight.

## Steele named All-American

by Kevin Anselmo  
sports editor

Junior Natalie Steele can add another achievement to her long list of athletic accomplishments.

Steele, the all-time NAIA career kills leader, was recognized for her tremendous volleyball season. She was named an NAIA second team

All-American.

"It's definitely [taken] a lot of hard work and dedication, but I definitely couldn't have done it without my teammates," she said.

It was the second year in a row that Steele has been an All-American. Last year, after leading the nation in kills, she was named to the NAIA All-American third team.

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